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RADIO

1. KENNETH FREED - AP RADIO: SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID WEDNESDAY HE FINALLY MAY BE GETTING SOMEWHERE IN LEADING TURKEY AND GREECE TOWARDS NEGOTIATING A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. THIS SURPRISING TURNABOUT CAME AFTER AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF SEPARATE TALKS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS THAT TOTALED NEARLY FIVE HOURS. UNTIL THE LAST DISCUSSIONS ENDED, JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT IN BRUSSELS, HAK HAD DOUBTED ANY PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE. HE INDICATED THAT MUCH MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE AND HE WILL SEE THE GREEK AND TURKISH FMS AGAIN DURING THE NATO MEETINGS GOING ON UNTIL FRIDAY.

2. MICHAEL LANDERS - CBS RADIO: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH FRENCH FM SAUVAGNARGUES. THE MAIN

TOPIC THERE, HAK SAID AFTERWARDS, WAS PREPARATIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SUMMIT BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND FRANCE'S PRESIDENT D'ESTAING ON THE ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE. GISCARD IS EXPECTED TO TELL FORD THAT FRANCE AND ITS EUROPEAN

PARTNERS WANT HIM TO STIMULATE THE AMERICAN ECONOMY SO AS TO EASE THE SPREADING WORLD-WIDE RECESSION. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ARE HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR KISSINGER AND THE OTHER NATO FMS WHO ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF THEIR REGULAR YEAR-END CONFERENCE. THE NATO COUNTRIES ARE GROPING FOR WAYS AND MEANS TO MAINTAIN THEIR DEFENSES AGAINST MOUNTING PRESSURE ON MILITARY BUDGETS. ALSO ON THE FMS AGENDA IS A BRIEFING FROM KISSINGER ON THE NEW U.S.-SOVIET NUCLEAR ARMS AGREEMENT WORKED OUT IN VLADIVOSTOK.

WIRES

1. AP: SECRETARY KISSINGER TODAY TOLD HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM NATO COUNTRIES THAT THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION SEEMS TO POINT TO CONTINUING INFLATION COMBINED WITH ECONOMIC STAGNATION.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING WAS RESTRICTED TO THE 15 FM OF NATO AND A FEW AIDES. KISSINGER'S COMMENTS, WHICH WERE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN UP MOST OF THE MORNING, WERE REPORTED BY A SOURCE WHO SAT IN.

THE SECRETARY REPORTEDLY SAID THAT NO WAY HAS BEEN FOUND TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT AND RECESSION AT THE SAME TIME. THIS HE SAID, MAKES THE CONDITION THAT HAS COME TO BE KNOWN AS "STAGFLATION" SEEM INSOLUBLE.

THE SOURCE SAID HAK WARNED THAT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN.

WASHINGTON HAS BEEN SEEKING A UNITED FRONT BY THE CONSUMING NATIONS, A STAND TO WHICH MOST WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY HAVE AGREED. THE MAJOR DISSENTER HAS BEEN FRANCE, WHOSE PRESIDENT WANTS A CONFERENCE OF CONSUMING

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AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES OVER PRICES.

HAK'S COMMENTS TODAY ALSO LED TO A CONFLICT WITH THE FRNECH OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A 35-NATION SUMMIT MEETING ON WORLD PROBLEMS TO INCLUDE THE SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE.

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HE SAID FRENCH FM SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD HAK THERE WAS LITTLE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WAS SAID ON A SUMMIT IN THE FINAL STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOWED THE MEETINGS BETWEEN SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT FORD IN VLADIVOSTOK AND WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING IN FRANCE.

HAK DISAGREED, THE SOURCE REPORTED. HE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH VERSION HAD FOUND GOOD "PREMISES" FOR A SUMMIT, WHILE THE VLADIVOSTOK STATEMENT SPOKE OF CONDITIONS THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT FULFILLED.

HAK ALSO BRIEFED THE MINISTERS AT LENGTH ON THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD TO LIMIT SOVIET AND AMERICAN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF A SIMILAR ACCORD EMERGING ON ARMS AND WEAPONS IN EUROPE FROM EAST-WEST TALKS AT VIENNA.

2. UPI: HAK TODAY ASSURED WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT WASHINGTON WANTS TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARAB NATIONS.

HAK TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF FMS OF NATO THAT SUCH A CONFRONTATION WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR THE OIL-DEPENDENT NATIONS OF EUROPE AND JAPAN.

HIS REMARKS, MADE IN A PRIVATE SESSION, WERE REPORTED BY CONFERENCE OFFICIALS...

NATO OFFICIALS SAID HAK WARNED THERE WAS NO KNOWN SOLUTION YET TO THE COMBINED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND RECESSION. BUT HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR WESTERN NATIONS TO COORDINATE THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS DOMINATED MUCH OF THE TALK AT THE MEETING.
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NATO OFFICIALS SAID THE U.S. AND GERMANY WERE WORRIED LESS AFFLUENT MEMBER NATIONS MIGHT BE FORCED TO MAKE UNILATERAL ARMS CUTS IN THE FACE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

THE OFFICIALS SAID HAK TOOK UP 60 PER CENT OF THE FIRST SESSION WITH A STATEMENT ON ENERGY AND THE ECONOMY AND HIS REPORT ON THE SALT AGREEMENT PRESIDENT FORD REACHED WITH RUSSIA AT VLADIVOSTOK LAST MONTH.

WHILE BRIEFING HIS ALLIES ON THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT, HAK ALSO TOOK TIME OUT TO PREPARE FOR FORD'S SUMMIT MEETING WITH FRANCE NEXT WEEKEND.

HAK MET WITH FRENCH FM SAUVAGNARGUES IN THE MORNING. HAK'S REMARKS DREW APPROVAL FROM SEVERAL ALLIED MINISTERS.

ONE TERMED THEM "IMPRESSIVE".

THE THREAT OF ECONOMIC RECESSION LOOMED LARGE OVER THE NATO CONFERENCE. SOME FEARED ITS POTENTIALLY RESTRICTIVE IMPACT ON THE DEFENSE POSTURE OF THE ALLIANCE. THE DANGERS

WERE UNDERSCORED BY NATO SEC GEN LUNES.

WEST GERMAN FM GENSCHER SUPPORTED THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT AND URGED THE ALLIES TO BACK U.S. EFFORTS TO CURB THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BY KEEPING THEIR CONVENTIONAL FORCES STRONG.

ON THE FRINGES OF THE NATO CONFERENCE DIPLOMATIC MOVES CONTINUED TO TRY TO PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

AFTER DAYLONG MEETINGS WEDNESDAY BETWEEN HAK AND THE TURKISH AND GREEK FMS, BRITISH FNSEC JAMES CALLAGHAN CONFERRED WITH THEM THURSDAY. BRITAIN IS A GUARANTOR, WITH GREECE AND TURKEY, OF CYPRUS' INDEPENDENCE. BUT PROGRESS APPEARED SLOW SO FAR AND EFFORTS WERE REPORTED UNDERWAY TO BRING ABOUT A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING HERE BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK REPRESENTATIVES.

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LA TIMES - RESTON - PAGE 20 - REPORTS ON HAK'S MEETING WITH GREEK AND TURKISH FMS RE CYPRUS DISPUTE...

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HAK WANTS THE CYPRUS CRISIS SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO THAT END, HE IS PREPARED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, CAUTIONED REPORTERS EARLIER ABOUT READING TOO MUCH INTO HAK'S TALKS WITH HIS GREEK AND TURKISH COUNTERPARTS. HE SAID THE TALKS WERE ONLY EXPLORATORY AND NO MAJOR DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGH WAS EXPECTED AT THIS TIME.

HE ALSO SAID THE U.S. HAD NO SPECIFIC IDEAS TO PUT FORWARD IN THE RENEWED EFFORT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OVER CYPRUS.

REFLECTING THE COMPLICATED NATURE OF THE CYPRIOT STALEMENT, HAK MET FOR A SECOND TIME WITH ESENBEL IN THE AFTERNOON AND WITH BITSIOS LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT....

AFTER THE MORNING MEETING, ESENBEL HELD OUT SOME HOPE THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY. BUT, FOR A FOREIGN OFFICIALS, HE ALSO TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF CRITICIZING THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION THAT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, CUT OFF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

....HAK, COMMENTING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE ESENBEL REMARKS AGREED THAT "CERTAIN APPROACHES" HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH TURKEY IN OCTOBER. HE SAID THE U.S. IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO PURSUE THAT COURSE.

ACCORDING TO A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL, THOSE APPROACHES WOULD HAVE LED TO SOME TURKISH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE 40 PERCENT OF CYPRUS THAT COUNTRY HELD AFTER THE JUNE INVASION, AS WELL AS OTHER CONCESSIONS... INGERSOLL

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